

Docket No. 201376US2
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyuki IKEDA
SERIAL NO: 09/749,473
FILED: December 28, 2000
FOR: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1773"

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy; Appendix A

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3-12, and 14 as shown below in clean form.¹

1. (Twice Amended) A magnetic recording medium comprising:
a non-magnetic substrate;
at least two soft magnetic layers divided by a separate layer therebetween; and
at least one magnetic recording layer formed on the substrate via said at least two soft
magnetic layers,

¹ A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.